

REMARKS

In the current Office Action, the Examiner has required an election of a single invention to which the claims must be restricted, and identified the following groups:

Group I, claims 1-8, drawn to a method of manufacturing an optical data storage medium;

Group II, claims 9-10, drawn to an optical data storage medium; and

Group III, claims 11-15, drawn to an apparatus for performing the method.

Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group 1, claims 1-8.

In view of the above, Applicants hereby request examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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